

**State Board of Education  
April 14, 2009  
Item L**

**Team:** Standards and Assessment

**Discussion Topic:** What are the results of the Spring 2009 Accountability System Based on Student Achievement? Which schools made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and which did not?

**Alignment with Goals:**

Goal I: Support high-quality, innovative instruction to improve student achievement; Objective B: A statewide accountability system identifying student needs related to achievement

**Statutory Authority:** V.S.A. 16 §§ 165 (b)

**Background Information:**

On March 24, the Commissioner issued a press release that indicated which schools had made AYP and which had not. Although over two-thirds of Vermont schools (218) did make AYP, and in fact, fewer schools (88) did not make AYP this year than last year; the number of schools identified for school improvement grew to 77.

**Purpose of Discussion:**

This discussion provides a context for the work of the Department and local schools and districts in the school improvement system. Commissioner's Required Actions for thirty-one schools in Year One Corrective Action or beyond will be sent to the SBE at future meetings.

**Cost Implications:**

The federal stimulus act (ARRA) provides additional funds for Title I schools in school improvement; however, there is not additional funds for non-Title I identified schools.

Because of the increase in identified schools, the Department has assigned two additional staff to work with the identified schools. This has increased capacity by 75% of a FTE position. We continue to align other technical assistance and professional development work across the department to increase capacity and pursue identifying support for schools from external coaches, mentors and other professional development providers.

**Staff Available:** Gail Taylor, Division Director, Standards and Assessment



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## **Department of Education Releases Accountability Determinations for Schools**

**MONTPELIER** – The Vermont Department of Education released 2009 school accountability determinations as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA) today. The department determines whether schools meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Those that do not meet AYP enter School Improvement.

Results show:

- One school exited School Improvement.
- Seventy-seven schools, or 26 percent, are now in School Improvement.
- Thirty-one of those schools are now in Corrective Action.
- Eighty-eight schools, or 29 percent, did not make AYP this year.
- Twelve of those schools did not make AYP for the first time.

“Schools are targeting instruction to ensure all students make adequate yearly progress,” said Commissioner Armando Vilaseca. “Challenges still remain, especially for students in poverty and English language learners. The department will continue to provide outreach to identified schools to ensure the needs of all our children are addressed.”

A school makes Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) by meeting targets set by the state as required by NCLBA. These targets increase every three years with the goal of 100 percent proficiency by 2014. A school that does not make AYP for two consecutive years enters School Improvement, which requires schools to take specific actions designed to improve student achievement in the area(s) designated as not making AYP. A school that does not make AYP for four consecutive years enters Corrective Action, and the commissioner recommends to the State Board of Education actions specific to that school. If an identified school makes AYP two years in a row, it exits School Improvement.

A school must make adequate yearly progress for all students, as well as for students in several sub-groups. AYP determinations are made for sub-groups of students by race, socio-economic status, English language learners and students with disabilities. Schools must have at least 40 students in a given sub-group in order for a decision to be made for that group.

“Over 200 schools met all requirements of the state’s accountability system for 2009,” said Director of Standards and Assessment Gail Taylor. “Of the 36 schools on the school improvement list, Colchester Middle School exited school improvement, and Burke School met all of the requirements this year. If it meets all the requirements next year, it too will exit school improvement.”

More than one-third of the remaining schools in School Improvement increased either the number of content areas or the number of student groups for which they met the accountability

requirement. Of the 42 schools entering school improvement this year, 11 (more than one-fourth) made similar progress since last year.

AYP determinations are based on the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) assessments and the Vermont Alternate Assessments given to Vermont public school students in grades three through eight and 11. The NECAP was given to students in grades three through eight and grade 11 in October 2008. This is the fourth year these exams have been given in the elementary and middle grades, and the second time they were given to students in grade 11.

More information on school and district performance can be found on the department's Web site at [http://www.state.vt.us/educ/new/html/pgm\\_accountability.html#AYP](http://www.state.vt.us/educ/new/html/pgm_accountability.html#AYP).

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## 2009 Adequate Yearly Progress Determination Summary

**218 # of Schools That Made AYP**

**88 # of Schools That Did Not Make AYP**

**29 % of Schools That Did Not Make AYP**

**1 # of Schools Exited Identification For School Improvement**

Colchester Middle School

**77 # of Identified Schools**

**25 % of Identified Schools**

**16 # of Schools Entering Year 1 Corrective Action**

Academy School  
Barre Town Elementary School  
Bellows Falls Middle School  
Bellows Free Academy (Fairfax)  
Camels Hump Middle US #17  
Derby Elementary School  
Duxbury/Waterbury Union #45  
Highgate Elementary School  
Lyman C. Hunt Middle School  
Riverside Middle School  
Springfield High School  
St. Albans Town Education Center  
Swanton Schools  
Wheeler School  
Williston Schools  
Winooski High School

**4 # of Schools At Year 2 Corrective Action**

Burlington Senior High School  
Molly Stark School  
Otter Valley UHS #8  
Rutland Middle School

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8	<b># of Schools At Year 3 Corrective Action</b>
	Barre City Elementary/Middle School Edmunds Middle School Lyndon Town School Milton Elementary School Rutland High School Rutland Intermediate School St. Albans City School St. Johnsbury Schools
1	<b># of Schools At Year 4 Corrective Action</b>
	Missisquoi Valley UHS #7
2	<b># of Schools At Year 5 Corrective Action</b>
	Mt. Anthony Senior UHS #14 Mt. Anthony Union Middle School
0	<b># of Schools Making AYP and Held At Year 2 School Improvement</b>
5	<b># of Schools Entering Year 2 School Improvement</b>
	Johnson Elementary School Lawrence Barnes School Peoples Academy Middle School Richford Junior/Senior High School Williamstown Middle/High School
1	<b># of Schools Making AYP and Held At Year 1 School Improvement</b>
	Burke Town School
40	<b># of Schools Entering Year 1 School Improvement</b>
	Alburgh Community Education Center Bakersfield School Bennington Elementary School Berkshire Elementary School Brattleboro Area Middle School #6 Bridport Central School Bristol Elementary School C. P. Smith School Champlain Elementary School Enosburg Elementary School

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Enosburg Middle/High School  
 Fair Haven Grade School  
 Green Street School  
 Hyde Park Elementary School  
 J. F. Kennedy Elementary School  
 J. J. Flynn School  
 Lamoille UHS #18  
 Lamoille Union Middle School #18  
 Lothrop School  
 Malletts Bay School  
 Middlebury ID #4 School  
 Mill River US #40  
 Morristown Elementary Schools  
 Mt. Abraham UHS #28  
 Neshobe School  
 Newport City Elementary Schools  
 North Country Union Junior UHS #22B  
 Northfield Elementary School  
 Northwest Primary School  
 Park Street School  
 Pownal Elementary School  
 Putney Central School  
 Shelburne Community School  
 Shoreham Elementary School  
 Union Street School  
 Vergennes UES #44  
 Vergennes UHS #5  
 Westminster Schools  
 Windsor State Street School  
 Winooski Middle School

12	<b># of Schools Not Making AYP For The First Time (No Formal Status)</b>
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Bellows Falls UHS #27  
 Benson Village School  
 Berlin Elementary School  
 Brattleboro UHS #6  
 Browns River Middle US #17

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Fairfield Center School  
Marlboro Elementary School  
Orange Center School  
Troy School  
Union Elementary School  
Williamstown Elementary School  
Windsor High School

## ***2009 Schools Identified For School Improvement***

<b>School Name</b>	<b>Supervisory Union</b>	<b>Title I Status</b>	<b>Identification Status</b>	<b>Areas That Did Not Meet AYP</b>	<b>Groups That Did Not Meet AYP</b>
Academy School	Windham Southeast S.U.	Participating	Year 1 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities
Alburgh Community Education Center	Grand Isle S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	MATH: All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, White Students READING: Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Bakersfield School	Franklin Northeast S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	MATH: All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, White Students READING: Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Barre City Elementary/Middle School	Barre S.U.	Participating	Year 3 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	MATH: Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities READING: Students With Disabilities
Barre Town Elementary School	Barre S.U.	Not Participating	Year 1 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities
Bellows Falls Middle School	Windham Northeast S.U.	Not Participating	Year 1 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	MATH: All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, White Students READING: Free/Reduced Lunch Students



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Bellows Free Academy (Fairfax)	Franklin West S.U.	Participating	Year 1 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	MATH: Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities READING: Students With Disabilities
Bennington Elementary School	Southwest Vermont S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	MATH: All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, White Students READING: Free/Reduced Lunch Students, White Students
Berkshire Elementary School	Franklin Northeast S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Brattleboro Area Middle School #6	Windham Southeast S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Bridport Central School	Addison Central S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	All Students, White Students
Bristol Elementary School	Addison Northeast S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Burke Town School	Caledonia North S.U.	Participating	Remains in Year 1 School Improvement		
Burlington Senior High School	Burlington S.D.	Participating	Year 2 Corrective Action	Reading, Participation	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
C. P. Smith School	Burlington S.D.	Not Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students

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Camels Hump Middle US #17	Chittenden East S.U.	Participating	Year 1 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	MATH: Free/Reduced Lunch Students READING: Students With Disabilities
Champlain Elementary School	Burlington S.D.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Derby Elementary School	North Country Supervisory Union	Participating	Year 1 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	MATH: Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities READING: Students With Disabilities
Duxbury/Waterbury Union #45	Washington West S.U.	Participating	Year 1 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities
Edmunds Middle School	Burlington S.D.	Participating	Year 3 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Enosburg Elementary School	Franklin Northeast S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Enosburg Middle/High School	Franklin Northeast S.U.	Not Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Math	All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, White Students
Fair Haven Grade School	Addison Rutland S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Math	All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, White Students
Green Street School	Windham Southeast S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	MATH: All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, White Students READING: Free/Reduced Lunch Students

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Highgate Elementary School	Franklin Northwest S.U.	Participating	Year 1 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	MATH: All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities, American Indian/Native Alaskan Students, White Students READING: Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities
Hyde Park Elementary School	Lamoille North S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, White Students
J. F. Kennedy Elementary School	Winooski S.D.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
J. J. Flynn School	Burlington S.D.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	MATH: Free/Reduced Lunch Students, English Language Learner Students READING: Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Johnson Elementary School	Lamoille North S.U.	Participating	Year 2 School Improvement	Reading, Math, Academic Indicator	All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, White Students
Lamoille UHS #18	Lamoille North S.U.	Not Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Math, Participation	MATH: Free/Reduced Lunch Students PARTICIPATION: All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Lamoille Union Middle School #18	Lamoille North S.U.	Not Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students

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Lawrence Barnes School	Burlington S.D.	Participating	Year 2 School Improvement	Reading, Math, Academic Indicator	All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, White Students
Lothrop School	Rutland Northeast S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Lyman C. Hunt Middle School	Burlington S.D.	Participating	Year 1 Corrective Action	Math	All Students
Lyndon Town School	Caledonia North S.U.	Participating	Year 3 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	MATH: All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities READING: Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities
Malletts Bay School	Colchester S.D.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	MATH: Students With Disabilities READING: Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities
Middlebury ID #4 School	Addison Central S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Mill River US #40	Rutland South S.U.	Not Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Milton Elementary School	Milton Town S.D.	Participating	Year 3 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities

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Missisquoi Valley UHS #7	Franklin Northwest S.U.	Not Participating	Year 4 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	MATH: Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities READING: Students With Disabilities
Molly Stark School	Southwest Vermont S.U.	Participating	Year 2 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	MATH: All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities, White Students READING: Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities
Morristown Elementary Schools	Lamoille South S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Mt. Abraham UHS #28	Addison Northeast S.U.	Not Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities, White Students
Mt. Anthony Senior UHS #14	Southwest Vermont S.U.	Not Participating	Year 5 Corrective Action	Reading	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Mt. Anthony Union Middle School	Southwest Vermont S.U.	Not Participating	Year 5 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	MATH: All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities, White Students READING: Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities
Neshobe School	Rutland Northeast S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students

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Newport City Elementary Schools	North Country Supervisory Union	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	Students With Disabilities
North Country Union Junior UHS #22B	North Country Supervisory Union	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Northfield Elementary School	Washington South S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, White Students
Northwest Primary School	Rutland City S.D.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Otter Valley UHS #8	Rutland Northeast S.U.	Not Participating	Year 2 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	MATH: All Students, White Students READING: Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Park Street School	Springfield S.D.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Peoples Academy Middle School	Lamoille South S.U.	Participating	Year 2 School Improvement	Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Pownal Elementary School	Southwest Vermont S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Putney Central School	Windham Southeast S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Math	All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, White Students
Richford Junior/Senior High School	Franklin Northeast S.U.	Not Participating	Year 2 School Improvement	Math	All Students, White Students

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Riverside Middle School	Springfield S.D.	Participating	Year 1 Corrective Action	Math	All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, White Students
Rutland High School	Rutland City S.D.	Not Participating	Year 3 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Rutland Intermediate School	Rutland City S.D.	Participating	Year 3 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities
Rutland Middle School	Rutland City S.D.	Participating	Year 2 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Shelburne Community School	Chittenden South S.U.	Not Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	Students With Disabilities
Shoreham Elementary School	Addison Central S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math, Academic Indicator	All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, White Students
Springfield High School	Springfield S.D.	Not Participating	Year 1 Corrective Action	Academic Indicator, Participation	All Students
St. Albans City School	Franklin Central S.U.	Participating	Year 3 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	MATH: All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities READING: Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities

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St. Albans Town Education Center	Franklin Central S.U.	Not Participating	Year 1 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	MATH: Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities READING: Students With Disabilities
St. Johnsbury Schools	St. Johnsbury S.D.	Participating	Year 3 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	MATH: All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities, White Students READING: All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities
Swanton Schools	Franklin Northwest S.U.	Participating	Year 1 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities, American Indian/Native Alaskan Students
Union Street School	Springfield S.D.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Vergennes UES #44	Addison Northwest S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Vergennes UHS #5	Addison Northwest S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Westminster Schools	Windham Northeast S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students



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Wheeler School	Burlington S.D.	Participating	Year 1 Corrective Action	Reading, Math, Academic Indicator	All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, White Students, English Language Learner Students
Williamstown Middle/High School	Orange North S.U.	Participating	Year 2 School Improvement	Math	All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, White Students
Williston Schools	Chittenden South S.U.	Participating	Year 1 Corrective Action	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students With Disabilities
Windsor State Street School	Windsor Southeast S.U.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Winooski High School	Winooski S.D.	Participating	Year 1 Corrective Action	Reading, Math, Participation	MATH & READING: All Students PARTICIPATION: All Students, White Students
Winooski Middle School	Winooski S.D.	Participating	Year 1 School Improvement	Math	All Students, White Students

## ***2009 Schools Not Making AYP For The First Time***

School Name	Supervisory Union	Title I Status	Areas That Did Not Meet AYP	Groups That Did Not Meet AYP
Bellows Falls UHS #27	Windham Northeast S.U.	Participating	Academic Indicator	All Students
Benson Village School	Addison Rutland S.U.	Participating	Math	All Students, White Students
Berlin Elementary School	Washington Central S.U.	Participating	Math	All Students, White Students
Brattleboro UHS #6	Windham Southeast S.U.	Participating	Reading, Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students, Students with Disabilities
Browns River Middle US #17	Chittenden East S.U.	Not Participating	Reading, Math	Students with Disabilities
Fairfield Center School	Franklin Central S.U.	Participating	Math	Free/Reduced Lunch Students
Marlboro Elementary School	Windham Central S.U.	Participating	Math, Participation	All Students, White Students
Orange Center School	Orange North S.U.	Participating	Math	All Students, White Students
Troy School	North Country Supervisory Union	Participating	Math	All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, White Students
Union Elementary School	Montpelier S.D.	Participating	Reading	Free/Reduced Lunch Students

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Williamstown Elementary School	Orange North S.U.	Participating	Reading, Math	All Students, Free/Reduced Lunch Students, White Students
Windsor High School	Windsor Southeast S.U.	Not Participating	Math	All Students, White Students